

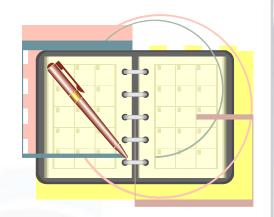
VIRGINIA TELECOMMUNICATION INITIATIVE

2018 How to Apply Webinar June 26, 2017



AGENDA

- Welcome
- VATI Program Overview
- VATI Proposal Components
- Centralized Application and Management System (CAMS)
- Submission Requirements
- Questions and Answers





Program Description

Provide financial assistance to supplement construction costs by private sector providers to extend services to areas that are presently unserved by any broadband provider.

Funding

\$1 million available for FY2018



Eligible Applicants

- Units of local government (Towns, Cities, Counties, EDA/IDA, Broadband/Wireless Authorities, Planning District Commissions, etc.)
- Must have private sector provider as a co-applicant.



New for 2018

- Require applicant to have a <u>30 Day</u> Public Comment Period prior to submission of application
- ➤ DHCD will have a <u>2 week</u> Public Comment Period in which applications will be posted on DHCD website during that time.
- ➤ Remove requirement that co-applicant submit financial documentation to DHCD. If awarded, require coapplicant to submit financial documentation to third party entity for underwriting



Proposal Components

- ❖ Project Area
- Demonstrate Need
- Project Description
- ❖ Project Benefit:
 - Community/locality specific
 - Passings and Projected Take Rate*
 - ❖ Validation of speeds*
- Project Timeline
- Organizational Capacity and Experience
- Project Financing and Budget

Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development

New for 2018



Definition of unserved areas

Speed ≤10Mbps/1Mbps



Eligible Area

- Area must meet <u>unserved</u> criteria
- Area Not designated to receive funds for construction through the federal Connect America Funding
- Area <u>Not</u> receiving state or federal funds for construction (at application)



Project Area

- Description of the proposed geographic area including specific boundaries of the project area e.g.; street names, local and regional boundaries, etc.
- Why and how the project area(s) was selected?
- Provide map(s)



Project Need

- Must demonstrate the need for the project.
- Provide detailed information on available internet speeds and providers.



Virginia Connect America Funding

Century Link

- ❖80,000 eligible living units in service area.
- ❖Funded for 50,000* living units over (5) years.
- Committed to complete 40% by end of 2017.

^{*}Per Century Link not all locations have been determined



Project Description

- Technology
- Minimum implementation speeds*

10Mbps/3Mbps

- Adoption Plans and Outreach or Marketing Efforts
- Validation of speed

Note: Projects that propose speeds exceeding the proposed

benchmark will be prioritized. RATINGS FACTOR



Project Benefit

- Locality/Community Specific Benefit
- Passings and Projected Take Rate



Project Timeline

Detailed project timeline or construction schedule, which identifies specific tasks, staff, contractor responsible(s), and collect of data, etc., and estimated start and completion dates.



Organizational Capacity and Experience

Detailed response, including examples that the applicant and co-applicant have adequate capacity to implement the VATI grant and discuss the relationship between the two entities.



Project Financing

- Must leverage private and public resources.
- ❖DHCD funding <u>may not</u> exceed eightypercent (80%) of total project cost.
- Rating Factor: Level of public/private investment



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- DHCD conducts How to Apply webinar
- DHCD releases the Request for Proposals (RFP)

10/17

Application Deadline (Tuesday, October 31, 2017)

11/17

 DHCD concurrently posts applications for 2 week public comment period and reviews applications

1/17

- Governor's Award Announcement (Tentative)
- DHCD conducts contract negotiations and award contracts (Tentative)

6/18

Close out of Year 2 projects (Deadline June 20, 2018)

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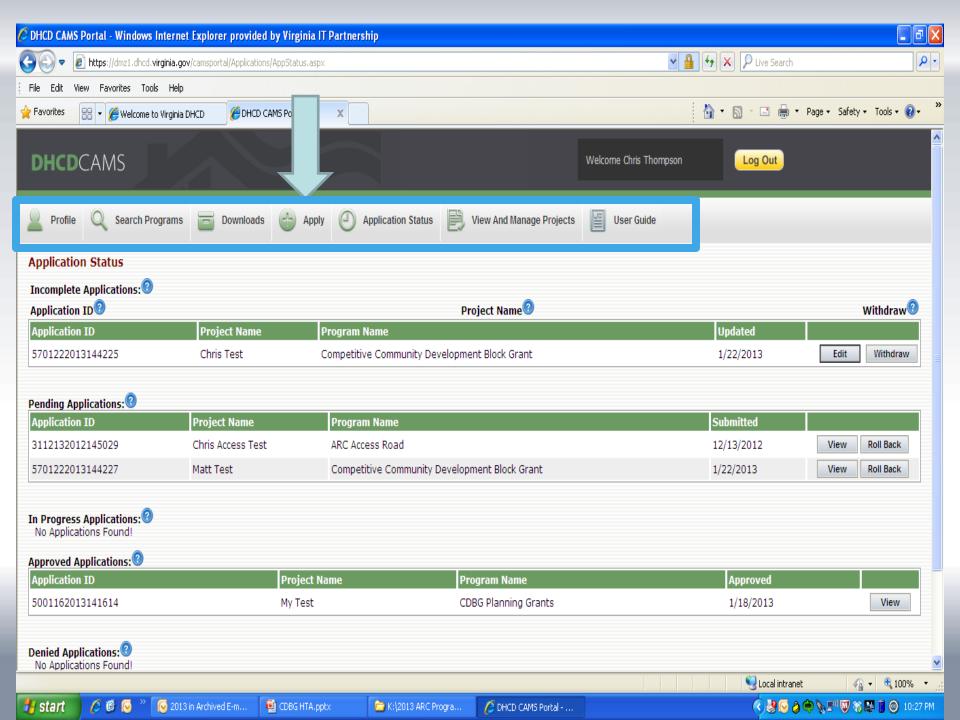


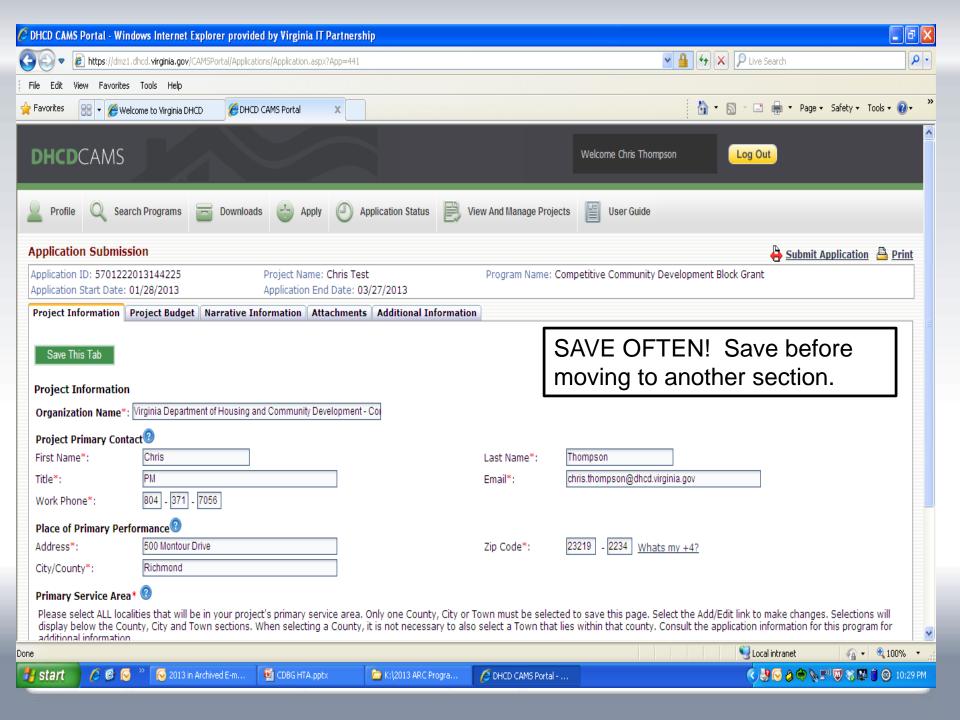


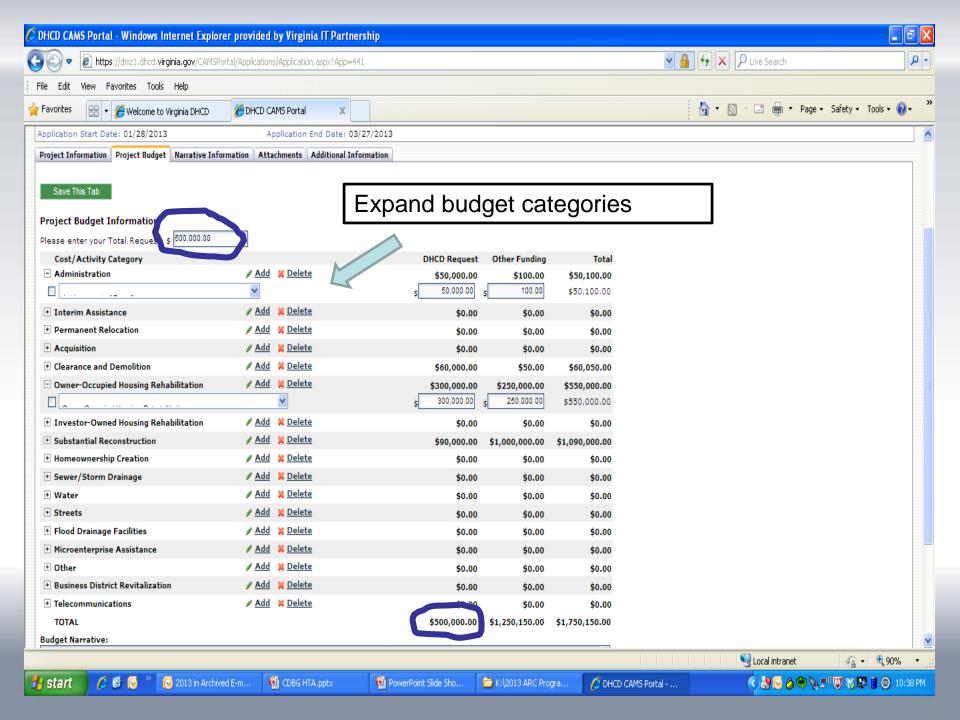


Preparing your proposal in CAMS

- Create a Profile now.
- Locality must submit.
- Do not share your password / login.
- Assign staff to roles for assistance as needed.
- Internet Explorer or Chrome are the recommended browsers.
- Save often. Use Save this Tab before moving to another section









Submission Requirements

- Submit to DHCD by 5:00 pm on October 31, 2017
- Must use CAMS
- Include documents such as PAR, PER, surveys, inspections, and supporting documents in ATTACHMENTS.